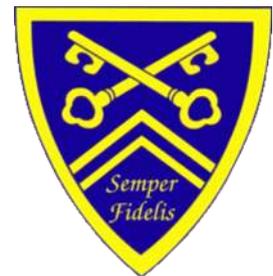


HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15th December - Carol Service

16th December - School Christmas Dinner and End of Term, School to Close at 2.20pm

3rd January - Start of Spring Term

3rd - 9th January - Year 13 Mock Examinations

6th - 13th - Ski Trip to Austria

6th - 7th January - Year 7 Alton Castle Retreat

23rd & 24th January - St Nicholas Owen Masses

2nd February - Year 7 Parents Evening

3rd February - MUFTI Day & Lourdes Quiz Night 7pm

9th February - Dance Trip to Birmingham Hippodrome

9th February - Year 12 Parents Evening

16th February - Pyramid Concert

Dear Parents/Carers

As some of you may be aware, especially those of you who have children at school at St Ambrose's, since September I have been spending 2 days a week supporting the school. In the New Year this will return to normal and I shall be back at Hagley every day. Further to letter that was posted on the school website in November I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that during the October half term holiday I wrote to the Chair of the Saint Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi-Academy Company, Jo Griffin, to inform her that after 26 years of service to this school, 9 years as Deputy Headteacher and 17 years as Headteacher, I have made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. The Directors of St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company are currently advertising for the appointment of my successor and with planned interviews at the end of January. I will in due course let you know details of my successor.

We are now approaching the end of what has been a very busy term I would like to begin this newsletter by sincerely thanking both parents and staff of the school for their excellent support of the school so far during this academic year.

Many of you will recently have enjoyed the wonderful Winter Concert which was held on Thursday 24th November this was very well received and a celebration of our talented musicians.

On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December our dance students took part in two wonderful Dance Showcases. They performed pieces are based on 'Icons and Idols' and included dances choreographed in a range of styles such as contemporary, musical theatre and jazz. The Musical accompaniment included Revolting Children from Roald Dahl's 'Matilda', hits by Madonna, big band theme 'Yes I Can', and a vibrant company number set to the school band's charity single 'I'll Be There for You'. We also enjoyed the debut performance of the school's new all-male Dance Company 'Brake Dance'. I'm sure that everyone who was able to attend the showcase enjoyed seeing our talented dancers. I would also like to express my thanks Miss Williams for all her hard work in producing the showcase and to Mr Handley, Mrs Aston and Mr Pounder for their support.

The last major celebration of this year will be the Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Fayre which will place on Thursday 15th December. The proceeds of the Fayre will go to the Sixth Form Lourdes pilgrimage fund.

At the start of the Spring Term our first ski trip departs on Friday 6th January and returns on Friday 13th January. A group of Year 7 pupils will also be off to Alton castle to take part in this annual retreat with the RE department.

During the winter months it is always possible that adverse weather may require an emergency closure of the school or the necessity to operate an amended school day. The arrangements we have established work well and if we need to close the school our website will clearly display a message on the front page stating that the school is closed. If it is decided to operate an amended school day we will advise parents/carers via the school website, email and also send a text message. Please refer to page 3 for further details of the amended timings of school day. Please be assured that the school will only close if the children's health and safety is compromised.

I would also like to remind you that we also offer an extended breakfast service so that pupils can purchase hot drinks and food before school starts.

As we begin a new term in January I ask for parental support in ensuring that pupils come to school appropriately dressed in full school uniform as outlined in the pupil organisers. Should parents need to buy their children new items of uniform please consult the school uniform code prior to making a purchase to ensure that appropriate purchases are made. I would particularly like to highlight the requirement for outdoor coats which should be a plain navy blue or black coat/anorak of sensible design with no colour deviation.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter to parents, on Friday 16th December, the final day of term, we will close early at 2.20pm. The reason for this is to ensure that, on one of the days of the year with the least amount of daylight hours, our pupils and staff can travel home safely in daylight hours.

We look forward with eager anticipation to the challenges of the New Year and wish every family a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.



T Hammond
Headteacher



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Adverse Weather School Day Arrangements

During periods of poor weather and other exceptional occasions it may be necessary to operate an amended school day.

On all such occasions the start of the school day will be at 9.00am as usual. All pupils should travel as normal and when they arrive in school go directly to their form rooms and not wait outside in the cold. We do expect pupils to wear normal school uniform but we would encourage them to wear sensible footwear appropriate for the weather even if not part of the uniform code.

To assist with the return journey, we do plan to change the school day so that we can finish at 14:55pm. During extreme weather the structure of the school day will be:

9:00 to 9:10	Registration
9:10 to 10:25	Lesson 1
10:25 to 10:40	Shortened break
10:40 to 11:55	Lesson 2
11:55 to 12:25	Shortened lunch break
12:25 to 12:30	Registration
12:30 to 13:45	Lesson 3
13:45 to 14:55	Lesson 4

This will allow the pupils to catch the 15:03pm service to Kidderminster or the 15:03pm service to Stourbridge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Communication With Parents/Carers

Contact Information

From September 2016, we will be making much greater use of electronic communication between the school and parents, it is therefore imperative that the contact details we hold for all parents/carers are kept fully up to date, including mobile number(s) and email addresses.

If you have changed your email address or mobile recently, or think that we might not have your correct details, please send in a letter to Mrs Millard with the correct information.

If you do not have an email address, please inform us and we will make sure that important information reaches you by alternative methods.

Mr Jones Network Manager

Year 10 Careers Talks

I shall be organising a variety of careers talks for our Year 10 students throughout the next term. These will take place in a classroom situation with groups of between 18 and 32 students.

If any parent think that they might be able to help and would like more information please contact me by email, ktedd@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk or by phone 01562 883193.

Thank you for you support.

Mrs Karen Tedd

School Fund Contribution 2016/17 Reminder

The School Fund is an independent fund collected and administered by the school. It exists because state funding is targeted and many rules, regulations and laws determine what it can and cannot be spent on.

The Fund is therefore of vital importance, not only for the smooth running of the school but also for the many little things that make school a nicer place to be. Let me give you a few examples:

Insurance for school trips and outside visits: By law this has to be collected from parents and cannot be paid for out of statutory funding. In the bad old days letters would have been sent out *for each trip* and money collected and banked. Lots of admin and lots of teacher time spent chasing sums as low as 16p! Some trips such as evening sports fixtures were not covered. Now we make a one off payment from this fund and it covers all pupils for any trip.

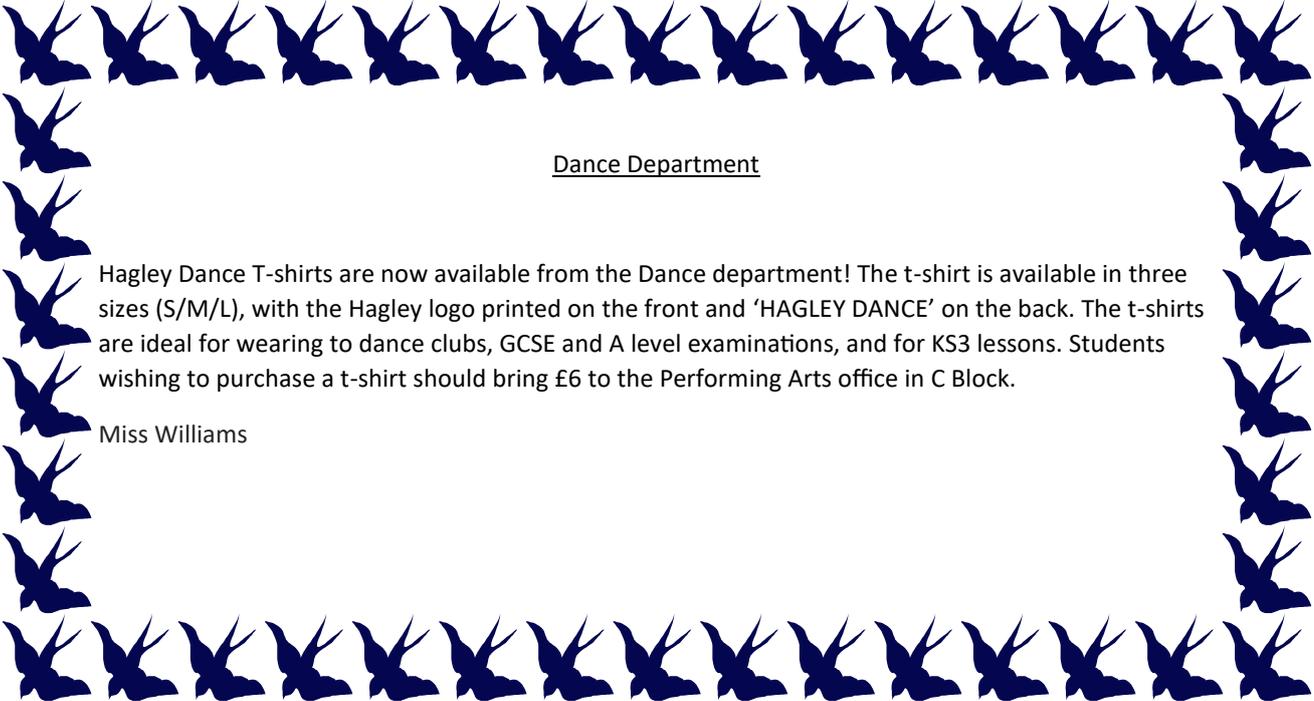
A nicer place to be: Imagine a school without flowers or pictures in the foyer and chapel; a place that cannot offer rewards and support to pupils or give hospitality to parents and visiting pupils; a school that has few sporting fixtures etc.

This year's sum (per year per family) is £20. A general exemption applies to parents who contribute to the Trust Fund via regular gift aid donations. *Do not hesitate to contact us on 01562 883193 if you would like to know more about giving regular donations under the gift aid scheme.*

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the School Fund. If you have not paid your contribution we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

For further information please see the school website and ensure that you complete the slip and return it to the school reception (in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of (Mrs D McBride) as soon as possible. Online payments or cheques made payable to St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy or SNOCMAC for short are preferred.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation and support.



Dance Department

Hagley Dance T-shirts are now available from the Dance department! The t-shirt is available in three sizes (S/M/L), with the Hagley logo printed on the front and 'HAGLEY DANCE' on the back. The t-shirts are ideal for wearing to dance clubs, GCSE and A level examinations, and for KS3 lessons. Students wishing to purchase a t-shirt should bring £6 to the Performing Arts office in C Block.

Miss Williams

Physical Education & Sport – Autumn Term 2016

Extracurricular Participation

Well done to the following pupils who have attended the most extracurricular sports clubs during the Autumn Term:

Year 7 boys: Ben J

Year 7 girls: Sarah E

Year 8 boys: William B

Year 8 girls: Grace E

Year 9 boys: Camryn P

Year 9 girls: Aoife M

Year 10 boys: Lewis O

Year 10 girls: Emma S

Year 11 boys: David L

Year 11 girls: Rebecca M

Football

After hard fought victories over George Salter Academy and St Edmund Campion Catholic School, our Under 18 boys' team have progressed into the semi-finals of the West Midlands County Cup. Our Under 16 boys' team are unbeaten this season and have qualified for the Halesowen and Stourbridge District Cup Final.

Year 7 girls won the District five-a-side competition and have qualified for the Regional knock-outs. Team: Kiely W, Niamh R, Niamh C, Freya C, Grace D.

Basketball

Due to their outstanding performances in the District basketball leagues, our Under 14 and Under 16 girls' teams have qualified to represent Dudley in the Black Country School Games.

Regional Tennis

Our Under 13 boys' team won the County tennis competition during the summer term and then progressed through the knock-out rounds to qualify for the regional finals 2016. This achievement places them in the final 16 teams in Great Britain. As is often the case, we were the last state school in the competition. The standard of tennis was very high at the finals and our team lost in a match shootout to Trent College in the 3/4th playoff.

Team: Max H, Jack H, Joe S and Alex J.

Badminton

Girls and boys U14 teams and girls U16 team won the district round and have qualified for the county round of the National competition.

Table Tennis

Boys U13, boys U16 and boys U19 teams all represented the school in the district round of the school games competition. All teams finished 2nd, narrowly beaten by Oldswinford Hospital School.

County Netball

Huge congratulations to the U14 girls who narrowly missed out on second place whilst representing Dudley in the county Netball tournament at Oldbury Academy on Saturday 26th November. The standard was exceptionally high and the girls played with determination, passion and positivity.

Team: Aoife M, Martha M, Ruth C, Jenna C, Milly W, Izzy J, Nicole T-V and Sally M.



A big well done to the U16 girls who also played at the county Netball tournament. The standard in their age group was exceptional and each of them played extremely well. We are very proud of you all as you showed commitment, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout.

Team: Rebecca M, Grace D, Ellen D, Emma S, Niamh K, Grace R, Georgie M and Niamh L.



“Well done to all pupils who have attended sports clubs and represented the school teams throughout the Autumn Term. The success achieved is a result of the commitment and dedication shown by our PE staff and the pupils. If you would like your son or daughter to get involved in sport at Hagley, please check the extracurricular timetable on the school website and encourage them to come along.”

Mr Behan

Physical Education Department

Extracurricular Timetable (November 2016 – February 2017)

Lunchtime Sports Clubs					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)			Girls Basketball (Sports hall - WB)	Girls Basketball (Sports hall – WB)
Tuesday	Table-tennis club (Gym – AHI)	Table-tennis club (Gym - AHI) Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)	Table-tennis club (Gym – AHI) Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)	Boys Basketball Club (Sports hall – MBE)	Boys Basketball Club (Sports hall – MBE)
Wednesday		Girls Basketball (Sports hall - MDE)	Girls Basketball (Sports hall – MDE)	Table-tennis club (Gym - MBE)	Table-tennis club (Gym – MBE)
Thursday		Boys Basketball Club (Gym – RCA)	Boys Basketball Club (Gym – RCA)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall - SRI)
Friday	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA) Girls Football (Sports hall—MCA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA) Girls Football (Sports hall - MCA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - RA) Girls Football (Sports hall - MCA)	Girls Football (Sports hall—MCA)

Afterschool Sports Clubs & Teams					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday				Girls Basketball Match (Sports hall - WB)	Girls Basketball Match (Sports hall - WB)
Tuesday	Trampolining Club (VRA)	Trampolining Club (VRA) Girls Football Match (MCA)	Trampolining Club (VRA) Girls Football Match (MCA)	Trampolining Club (VRA) Boys Basketball Match (Sports hall - MBE)	Trampolining Club (VRA) Boys Basketball Match (Sports hall - MBE)
Wednesday	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI) Girls Basketball Match (Gym - MDE)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI) Girls Basketball Match (Gym - MDE)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)
Thursday		Boys Basketball Match (Gym – RCA)	Boys Basketball Match (Gym – RCA)	Girls Football Match (MCA) Badminton Club (Sports hall - SRI)	Girls Football Match (MCA) Badminton Club (Sports hall - SRI)
Friday				Table-tennis club (Gym – MCA)	Table-tennis club (Gym – MCA)

Please note. Team sheets (including details of venue, return times etc.) will be completed for all sports fixtures and events. These will be displayed on the notice boards in the PE department. **Clubs timetabled in the gym will not take place during the mock exam periods.**

All students are welcome to attend the extra curricular clubs. Please encourage your son or daughter to come along and have a go at what might be a new sport to them. A healthy body = a healthy mind.



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Thursday 1st September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 2nd September 2016
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Monday 5th September 2016
All Staff and All Pupils	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 14th October 2016
Half Term	Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016
Term Ends	Friday 16th December 2016 (School will close early for pupils at 2.20pm)

Spring Term 2017

Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 17th February 2017
Half Term	Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 24th February 2017
Term Ends	Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term Starts	Monday 24th April 2017
Half Term	Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2017

Bank Holidays

Transferred from New Year's Day	Monday 2nd January 2017
Good Friday	Friday 14th April 2017
Easter Monday	Monday 17th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1st May 2017
Whitsun Bank Holiday	Monday 29th May 2017



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 - PROPOSED DATES

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Monday 4th September 2017
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Wednesday 6th September 2017
All Staff and All Pupils	Thursday 7th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 13th October 2017
Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017
Term Ends	Tuesday 19th December 2017
Training Day	Wednesday 20th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts – Training Day	Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Half Term	Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd February 2018
Term Ends	Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term Starts	Monday 16th April 2018
Half Term	Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018
Term Ends	Friday 20th July 2018

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 30th March 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2nd April 2018
May Day	Monday 7th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 28th May 2018



**Wishing
you all a very healthy and
happy
Christmas**

